Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A frangible coupling for the purpose of supporting a rotatable load having a first ring, a second ~~ring and~~ ring, a plurality of ligaments and a load magnification member, said first ring and second ring interconnected by said plurality of ~~ligaments, said~~ ligaments with the load magnification member provided on the first ring or rotatable load, there being a small clearance maintained between said members and ligaments adjacent thereto, configured ~~to fail~~ such that, in use, when a load of a predetermined value causes the first and second ring to move relative to one another by a predetermined ~~amount.~~amount, thereby bringing at least one ligament into contact with said load magnification member, at least one ligament is caused to fail.

2. (Original) A frangible coupling as claimed in claim 1 wherein the said ligaments are substantially axially aligned.

3. (Original) A frangible coupling as claimed claim 1 wherein the first and second rings are cylindrical.

4. (Original) A frangible coupling as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ligaments are equidistantly spaced apart.

5. (Original) A frangible coupling as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first ring and the second ring are coaxial.

6. (Original) A frangible coupling as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first ring and the second ring are concentric.

7. (Currently Amended) A frangible coupling as claimed in claim 1 wherein the load magnification member on the first ring is formed ~~with~~ as a flange that is provided with a plurality of semi-circular cross-section cut out portions each of which corresponds closely to

at least part of the outside diameter of ~~the ligaments~~ a ligament part way along the ligaments, ~~thereby~~ there being ~~defining~~ a small clearance maintained between the ligaments and their corresponding cut out portions in the flange.

8. (Currently Amended) A frangible coupling as claimed in claim 7 wherein at least one ligament is formed with a stress raising feature in the region ~~where~~ where, when a load of a predetermined value causes the first and second ring to move relative to one another by a predetermined amount, the at least one ligament ~~it~~ is designed to contact the flange ~~when a load of a predetermined value causes the first and second ring to move relative to one another by a predetermined amount.~~thereby increasing the stress concentration in the at least one ligament to a level where the at least one ligament fails.

9. (Original) A frangible coupling as claimed in claim 7 wherein each of the ligaments have at least one waisted section.

10. (Original) A frangible coupling as claimed in claim 7 wherein the first ring is in communication with a means for supporting a rotatable load.

11. (Original) A frangible coupling as claimed in claim 10 wherein the second ring is fixedly joined to a fan support structure.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A frangible coupling as claimed in claim 1 wherein a rotatable shaft is in communication with said first ring via a bearing support means, the load magnification member is a rotatable member on the rotatable shaft ~~said rotatable shaft being fixedly joined to a rotatable member~~ positioned between and coaxially with the first and second ring, thereby defining a small clearance between the said member and the ligaments adjacent ~~thereto.~~thereto, such that when a load of predetermined value causes the first and second ring to move relative to one another by a predetermined amount, the at least one

ligament is designed to contact the member thereby increasing the stress concentration in the at least one ligament to a level where the at least one ligament fails.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A frangible coupling as claimed in ~~claim 14~~ claim 13 wherein the rotatable member is a disc formed with at least one snub which extends substantially radially outward from the rotatable member, there being a small clearance maintained between the said snub and the ligaments adjacent thereto.